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INDIANA'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS GRADES 6-8

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*"I want to be a
middle school teacher."
- Elijah, 8th grade*

WHAT'S INSIDE:

What Careers Fit Your Personality?

How Many Years of College do You
Need for the Degree You Want?

Get Money for College!



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DEAR INDIANA STUDENTS,

Welcome to **Learn More**! This is your guide to reaching your college and career goals. Whether you're dreaming of a career in software development, researching life in a laboratory, working on constructing new buildings, or something entirely different, **Learn More** can help you get there! In this magazine, you will learn all about:

- your **career** choices in Indiana,
- your **college** options after high school, and
- how to cut the **cost** of your higher education.

Taking the right steps now will put you on the path to college and career success. Don't wait any longer—flip through these pages and start learning how you can reach your goals. Also be sure to check out our campaigns throughout the year to make sure you're on track: **College GO!** (August-November), **Cash for College** (December-March) and **Career Ready** (April-July) have information and activities to help you turn your dream into a reality.

Have a great school year!

DEAR INDIANA PARENTS,

Learn More isn't just for your child. There are important steps you too can take to help your son or daughter stay on track.

Be sure to check out the parent corners in each of the sections of **Learn More** to learn about ways you can ensure your child is ready to succeed.



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Checklist

CAREER

- ☐ **Job shadow** a family member or another professional in your community for a day to discover which careers you enjoy.
- ☐ **Visit** a job site to expand your career knowledge.
- ☐ **Get involved** with a club or volunteer activity that relates to a career you're interested in.

COLLEGE

- ☐ **Visit** a college campus. Explore your options at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.
- ☐ **Start** your high school graduation plan. Talk to your school counselor, or sign up for the online version at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.
- ☐ **Research** college majors and related careers. Get started at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.

COST

- ☐ **Contribute** to a tax-advantaged Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost.
- ☐ **Earn** good grades to boost your scholarship chances.
- ☐ **Enroll** in 21st Century Scholars in 7th or 8th grade if you're eligible.



Top 5 Parent Tips

1. Estimate how much financial aid your child is likely to receive. Visit IndianaCollegeCosts.org for a free estimator tool.
2. Continue saving for your child's college education. Learn more about the **CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan** on page 15.
3. If eligible, sign your child up for Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program. Learn more at Scholars.IN.gov.
4. Talk to your son or daughter about his or her interests and help match those interests with a college major and career.
5. Stay in contact with your child's teachers and counselor, and keep an eye on your child's grades on his or her tests and report cards.



Elijah is in 8th grade at Kekionga Middle School. He wants to be an elementary or middle school teacher when he grows up. Teachers usually earn a bachelor's degree. Elijah is preparing for his future now! He's enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program. Learn more about 21st Century Scholars on page 16.

CAREER



Erin is an 8th grader at South Central Jr./Sr. High School. She's interested in becoming a **neonatal nurse**. Neonatal nurses earn their RN and then go on to earn a master's or doctorate degree. Neonatal nurses work to help newborn babies.

Health Science



High School Pathways for these careers: Biotechnology, Dental, Healthcare Specialties and Nursing*

Taking care of people is a very important industry in Indiana. Jobs in health science are expected to grow by 23% by 2022.

This sector has careers for every education level. If hands-on patient care is what you enjoy, here are some options:

- **certified nursing assistant (CNA), which requires a one-year workforce certification,**
- **registered nurse (RN) with a bachelor's degree, or**
- **medical doctor or dentist with eight or more years of college and professional experience.**

Maybe you'd like to help people, but numbers or management are more your thing. Consider applying those skills to a hospital or clinic. They employ many kinds of administrators and business people. If you're a science whiz, a research position working in a laboratory might be in your future.

* For more information about Indiana College and Career Pathways, visit doe.IN.gov/cte/indiana-college-career-pathways.



CAREER READY

- Kicks off every April to help you explore careers.
- Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/career.

Architecture & Construction

High School Pathways for these careers: Commercial and Residential Facilities, Construction Trades, and Drafting and Design

Careers in architecture and construction design, plan, manage, build and maintain the built environment. Whether you want to work in an office or in the field, on a computer or with your hands, there's a job in architecture and construction for you.

Hands-on jobs include things like carpentry, plumbing or electrical work. Many of these degrees require a certificate (one year), associate degree (2 years) or an apprenticeship (2-5 years).

If an office or computer is more your style, you could be an architect (master's degree), a designer (associate or bachelor's degree) or a mechanical drafter (associate degree).

In general, architecture and construction workers need to be good at math and have an eye for detail.



Information Technology

High School Pathways for these careers: Programming and PC Networking and Support

Careers in information technology (IT) focus on the design, development, and support of hardware, software and other technologies. IT makes data available to people, usually through computers and the Internet. IT is a rapidly growing and developing field. Workers in this field have to be adaptable since new kinds of technology come out regularly.

Some careers in IT support and manage computer hardware. If you're interested in this, you could be a software developer or database administrator. Some careers in IT program and create new software, including computer programmers and video game designers. You could also have a career as a security analyst. These workers ensure that websites and programs are safe from viruses and hackers.

Most jobs in information technology require at least an associate degree. If you're interested in this career field, make sure you stay up to date with all the new technology.



Kiley is a 6th grader at South Central Jr./Sr. High School. She wants to be an orthodontist. Orthodontists first earn their doctorate degree in dentistry and then take 2 to 3 more years of specialty education and training. If you're interested in becoming a dentist you should:

- enroll in the Dental Pathway in high school,
- take lots of science classes, including biology and chemistry, and
- study hard! Dental programs are competitive, so good grades count!



Hey Parents!

It's never too early—or too late—to start talking about careers with your child. Ask your child what his or her dreams and goals are. Brainstorm together subjects your child excels at, his or her interests, and careers that match up with those skills and interests. Talk to your child about what you do at work, and encourage your child to research the day-to-day responsibilities of the careers he or she is

interested in. Check out the five career clusters in this section of **Learn More** for some career ideas. Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/career for more ideas and tips.

Remember, math matters! Every career uses math in some way, and the fastest growing, highest-paying jobs rely heavily on math and critical thinking skills. Don't reinforce the myth that math is hard; teach your child that math is all around us!

Marketing, Sales & Service



High School Pathway for these careers: Business Administration

Marketing, sales and service careers help businesses sell their products. This includes planning, managing and performing all types of marketing activities.

If you're outgoing, you might enjoy a job as a sales representative. Sales representatives travel to different locations (sometimes covering multiple states!) to sell products. On the other hand, you could be a purchasing agent or buyer. They meet with sales representatives and others to buy items (like machines, clothing, etc.) for their company.

If you're creative, you might enjoy a career as a marketing specialist. These individuals research their area to determine if their product will sell. They also get to design marketing campaigns like commercials or advertisements.

If you're interested in this field, you can enroll in the marketing management concentration in the Business Administration Pathway. Workers in this field need to be good at math and public speaking.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

High School Pathway for these careers: Engineering

Careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) plan, manage and provide scientific research and development services. STEM workers can work in offices or in labs. STEM jobs cover many different areas, including physical sciences, social sciences and engineering. There's an option for nearly everyone!

Do you like discovering how things work? Mechanical engineers design tools and machines to improve upon or create new processes. Cartographers collect information and prepare all types of maps. Some may be geographic, but other maps can tell us information about population density or crime rates. If you really care about the environment, you could be an environmental planner and research and implement new environmentally-friendly practices.

You might like a career in STEM if you're detailed-oriented and a problem solver.



Kaden is a 7th grader at Madison-Grant Junior High School. He wants to be an engineer. Most engineers earn a bachelor's degree. Some advanced engineering careers require a master's degree.

Student Activity

What's My Career Fit?

Your career choice should match your interests, skills and today's economy. That means you should pick a field that you like, that you will be good at and that will have job opportunities when you are ready to work.

Look at the list of preferences below. Check the preference in each row that sounds most like you (either A or B). On some rows you may like both A and B.



A

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work indoors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work in one office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work during the day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work with people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work in noisy places |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sell things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wear a uniform or suit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work using a computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work with data |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work the same schedule every day |

B

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work outdoors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work in many places |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work during the day or at night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work with animals or nature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work in quiet places |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fix things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Listen to others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wear casual clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work with your hands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work with words or ideas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work a varied schedule |

Write down three careers that interest you.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How do the preferences you chose match up with these careers?

How can you develop these preferences now?



COLLEGE



Take Hold of Your Future!



You can't know exactly what the future holds, but you can take steps to connect your dreams to reality. Kayla, an 8th grader at Madison-Grant Junior High, wants to be an engineer or a farmer when she grows up. She knows she needs to keep studying and getting good grades in high school. She's also working hard in her math classes so she'll be eligible for Advanced Placement (AP) or dual-credit classes. Kayla wants to earn a Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma. Talk to your school counselor about setting up your graduation plan, including picking out classes and the best diploma for you.

High school isn't the last step for Kayla, or for you. According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, **nearly two-thirds of all new jobs will require education beyond high school**. Whether you have a solid goal in mind or you're still discovering your dreams, you need to prepare for college, and that starts now.

Start thinking about the college degree that matches your career goals. Check out page 11 for a list of your options.



COLLEGE GO!

- Kicks off every August to help you plan for education beyond high school.
- Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.

Need some reasons why a college education is your ticket to success?
There are hundreds of reasons, but here are just a few:

Reason 1: You'll make more money.

Full-time workers with a college degree on average earn \$20,000 more each year than those with just a high school diploma. Do the math! As a college grad, you'll make \$1 million more over the course of your career!

Reason 2: You're more likely to get (and keep) a job.

Unemployment rates for college graduates are about half that of high school graduates, even during a recession. And, unlike a home or car, a college degree is yours for a lifetime.

Reason 3: You'll live a healthier, fuller life.

College graduates are more likely to vote, volunteer and see the world.

Bonus Reason: Indiana is counting on you.

At least 60 percent of all Hoosiers must have a college degree or quality credential by 2025 for Indiana to thrive in a global economy. That means we need at least 60,000 more college graduates each year over the next decade.

If you choose a career that is in high demand in Indiana, you might qualify for grants or scholarships!

For example, Indiana offers special stipends for minority teachers and those who are studying to teach in high-need areas like math and science.





What's it Take? Learn the Lingo.

You might not think you need to start planning your high school and college path now, but the truth is that the more you plan now, the better off you will be. Take advantage of challenging courses in high school. They'll give you more options after high school. Plus, your new skills may help you pick a career and college major. Check out these key terms below.

Graduation Plan: Every freshman in Indiana is required to create a graduation plan. Graduation plans map out which classes you're going to take and what diploma you'll earn. You should update your graduation plan every year, especially if things change. You don't have to wait until you're a freshman though, you can start your graduation plan today. Talk to your school counselor. Visit IndianaCareerExplorer.com to start your plan today.



Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

College-level courses offered in high school. If you score well on AP exams, you may receive college credit.

Dual-Credit Courses: College courses taught in high school, at local colleges or online that provide both high school and college credit. Before signing up for a dual-credit course, find out how it'll transfer and what grade you need to earn for it to transfer. Visit TransferIN.net to learn more.

International Baccalaureate (IB): A high school program that requires completion of rigorous courses across all disciplines, often including foreign languages. Not all schools offer this program.

Remember: Earning college credits in high school can save you money! If you receive state financial aid, staying on track with credit completion helps you stay eligible for more money. You can earn an accelerated bonus of \$1,300 if you have enough extra credits by the end of your first year of college, and that all starts in high school!



Ronald is a 7th grader at Kekionga Middle School. He loves basketball and would like to play professionally, but he also understands the importance of going to college and having a backup plan. He's interested in studying astronomy in college. Ronald is preparing now by taking math classes and reading books about science and space.



Hey Parents!

College matters. Nearly two-thirds of all new jobs in Indiana will require some form of education beyond high school. Prepare your son or daughter for the future by setting high expectations now. Talk to your child about how important school is and how important it is to do his or her best work. Remind your child that school is his or her number-one job. Encourage your child to do his or her homework at the same time each day. Developing study habits

now will help your child in the future. Start talking to your child about the different post-secondary options and what kind of degree is needed for his or her career aspirations. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.

Thinking about going back to college yourself? **You Can. Go Back.** is a statewide campaign that aims to help the 750,000+ Hoosier adults with some college but no degree finish what they started. To learn more, including information on grant programs, visit YouCanGoBack.org.

Student Activity

Defining Your Dreams



It's great to know what you're interested in and which career suits you. But it's also necessary to know what it will take to get there. Read about these students and decide which college path is best for each.

Juan is interested in life sciences and wants to develop medicines for cancer.

Which college degree will Juan need?

- ☐ Apprenticeship
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Workforce certificate
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's or doctorate degree

What are some extracurricular activities that would help him?

- Activity at school:

- Volunteer at:

- Job shadow at:

What are some high school classes Juan should take? Put a star by any that would help him earn college credit in high school.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(Hint: Look at classes offered by the high school you will attend.)

Bonus! Which career sector will Juan be in? Flip through LEARN MORE to find the answer.

Mark has heard that there's a great need for machinists. He is interested in learning more about this hands-on, well-paying career.

Which college degree will Mark need?

- ☐ Apprenticeship
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Workforce certificate
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's or doctorate degree

What are some extracurricular activities that would help him?

- Activity at school:

- Volunteer at:

- Job shadow at:

What are some high school classes Mark should take? Put a star by any that would help him earn college credit in high school.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(Hint: Look at classes offered by the high school you'll attend.)

Bonus! Which career sector will Mark be in? Flip through LEARN MORE to find the answer.

Georgia is interested in computers and loves art. She thinks designing web sites would be a great career.

Which college degree will Georgia need?

- ☐ Apprenticeship
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Workforce certificate
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's or doctorate degree

What are some extracurricular activities that would help her?

- Activity at school:

- Volunteer at:

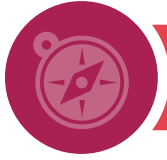
- Job shadow at:

What are some high school classes Georgia should take? Put a star by any that would help her earn college credit in high school.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

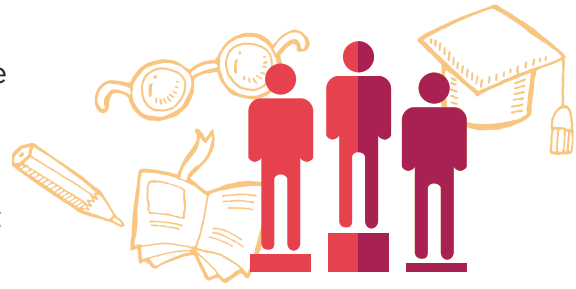
(Hint: Look at classes offered by the high school you'll attend.)


Bonus! Which career sector will Georgia be in? Flip through LEARN MORE to find the answer.



Your Options After High School

Going to college doesn't always mean four years on a big campus. Some careers will require you go to college for one year, and some will require more than 10 years! The most important thing to remember is that your **postsecondary (after high school) education** should match the type of career you want. Check out the chart to learn about the different options and requirements. You can learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.



| The Option | The Requirements | Career Examples |
|---|---|--|
| Two-Year (or Community) College Degree: Associate degree (two years) or certificate (one year) Examples: Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Vincennes University Tip: You can start at a community college and transfer to a four-year college to save money. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school diploma or TASC (formerly GED). Placement tests to determine where you should start.  | Certificate: Commercial Truck Driver Welder Associate Degree: Air Traffic Controller Veterinary Assistant |
| Four-Year College (and Beyond) Degree: Bachelor's degree (four years). After that, you are eligible to earn a master's degree (two additional years) or a doctorate degree (four+ additional years). Examples: Indiana State University, Purdue University Tip: If you don't know which career you're interested in, a four-year degree will open up the most options. You can earn college credits in high school (through dual-credit or AP courses) to save time and money later. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core 40 diploma. Many Indiana colleges now require the Core 40 diploma with Academic or Technical Honors. Extracurricular or service activities. Good grades. Many colleges expect a GPA at or above 3.0 (out of 4.0). Tough classes. Challenge yourself with Advanced Placement (AP) or dual-credit courses. SAT and/or ACT scores. | Bachelor's Degree: Graphic Designer Teacher Master's Degree: Manager (with MBA) Occupational Psychologist Doctorate: Medical doctor Professor |
| Apprenticeship (On-the-Job Training) Credential: Workforce certificate, usually recognized by an industry association, and sometimes a professional license. Examples: ABC of Indiana/Kentucky Tip: An apprenticeship is great because you'll work (and get paid!) while you are taking classes. They usually take 2-5 years. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school diploma. For some careers, a Core 40 diploma with Technical Honors will increase your chances of acceptance. WorkKeys test results. Your counselor can help you sign up. Good grades in math classes, if the career uses math. You can earn the lowest level of certification in some fields while still in high school. Ask your counselor for details. | Apprenticeship: Carpenter Cosmetologist Electrician Iron Workers Plumbers and Pipefitters |
| Military Credential: Often, an associate or bachelor's degree. Tip: If you enlist, the military will often pay for your college education either during or after your service. If you join a program such as ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corp), you can receive a scholarship to attend a four-year college for any career. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical fitness. Clean background check. No tattoos below elbow. ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) scores to determine your career path within the military. If you're enrolling in college during or after your service time, college requirements apply. | Military: Civil Engineer Computer Programmer Environmental Surveyor EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) |

COST

Pay for College NOW!



College costs can seem like a long way off, but you can start paying for your education today.

Amaya is an 8th grader at Madison-Grant Junior High, and she is planning to go to college. She is already getting a jumpstart on paying for her degree. How? Amaya knows that she is more likely to earn scholarships if she studies hard and gets good grades. Good grades are the number-one way you can earn scholarships and gain access to financial aid, no matter how much money your family makes.

Indiana also offers the 21st Century Scholars program. If you're enrolled in the program, you can earn up to four years of college tuition at an eligible Indiana college. Find out if your family is income eligible at Scholars.IN.gov, or read more on page 16.

Wondering what you can do now?

Follow these four simple steps:

Step 1: Excel: Learn what it takes to earn scholarships. Grades are important, but you also need to excel in extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences or leadership opportunities. Colleges want students who are involved and passionate.

Step 2: Save: A little goes a long way! The earlier you start saving, the more interest will pile up in your bank account. Learn about Indiana's tax-advantaged CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan on page 15 or at LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost.

Step 3: Budget: You won't have anything to save if you don't keep track of your spending. Small decisions—like only purchasing candy and soda every once in awhile—matter a lot. Even if you earn scholarships for college, you may still need to pay for books, rent, food and other expenses. Learn more about budgeting at LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost.

Step 4: Research: It helps to know your goal. Visit the Indiana College Costs Estimator with your parents or guardians to get an estimated cost of attending any Indiana college. The Estimator will predict how much money you'll get in financial aid from each college. Check it out at IndianaCollegeCosts.org.



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Scholarship Success Starts NOW!

Don't wait until you're a senior in high school to start thinking about how to pay for college. Read on to learn about some common financial aid terms, including decisions you can make right now to improve your chances of earning scholarships.

Financial aid: Any money you receive to help you pay for college. To qualify for most financial aid, you'll have to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by **March 10th** of your senior year of high school.

Scholarships and grants: Money for college you don't have to pay back. This money can come from your college, the state or federal government, or other sources like nonprofits, businesses or your school.

Merit-based aid: Scholarships or grants based on a special accomplishment, including good grades. Boost your chances by taking leadership roles, volunteering, and excelling in sports, music, or a hobby.

Need-based financial aid: Scholarships or grants based on financial need. Need is based on your family's income. You may also qualify if you are a foster child or a minority.



Fatima is in 7th grade at Kekionga Middle School. She knows she needs to be the best student she can be now to prepare for college.

Indiana has stipends for minority students in some careers. Check out LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost for more information.

Student loans: Money you borrow for college and have to pay back, plus interest, after you graduate. You want to take out as few loans as possible. Federal loans (from the federal government) are usually better than private loans (from banks or companies) because they have lower interest rates.

Your eligibility starts now! You can earn more money for college from Indiana if you earn an honors diploma. You can also earn the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship (about \$4,000) if you graduate early—a decision you need to make before high school starts. And, you may qualify for the 21st Century Scholars Program, which begins in middle school.



Scholar Snapshot

Treasure Jones

Treasure is in her fourth (and last!) year of college. She has a scholarship from the state of Indiana called the 21st Century Scholarship. Focus on your grades now to earn money for college.

College:

University of Indianapolis

Major:

Political Science with minors in Spanish and Philosophy

Degree:

Bachelor of Arts

Future career:

Lawyer



Cash In



Did you know the choices you're making now can help you earn money for college later? Cash in by making the best decisions for your college and career path!

Merit-based financial aid is awarded based on something good you have done. Often, merit-based aid is given for grades and/or high school diploma type. Some of it is related to extracurricular activities. Be realistic—but ambitious—as you fill in the blanks.

CAREER GOAL(S)

1. I'd like to be a(n) _____.

Tip: It's OK if you have more than one choice. You still have time to learn about careers.

COLLEGE GOAL

2. Type of degree: _____

3. College(s) I'd like to attend: _____

Tip: It's OK if you have more than one choice. You don't know where you'll be accepted or want to live.

ACADEMICS

4. My goal for my grades this year is _____.

5. This goal will help me reach my college and career goals because _____.

EXTRACURRICULARS

6. This year, I plan to _____.

7. In high school, I plan to _____.

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

8. One way I learn about people who are not like me is by _____.

9. In high school, I plan to help my community by _____.

Tip: Try to connect service and leadership positions to your career interests. Can you volunteer in your future career setting, such as a dentist's office, community park office or research laboratory?

10. I am getting leadership skills because I _____.

11. In high school, I will gain more leadership skills because I will _____.



Hey Parents!

Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan is an ideal way to save for your child's future college expenses.

Check out these cost-saving benefits:

- You pay **no taxes** on the account's earnings.
- When contributions are used for college-related expenses, such as tuition and fees, withdrawals are **exempt** from federal and state taxes.

- Contributions can earn a twenty percent state income **tax credit** of up to \$1,000 each year.
- **Any Indiana resident** can contribute to or open an account to take advantage of the tax credit, including grandparents and other relatives.
- You can set up **direct deposit** from your paycheck or bank account.

Visit **CollegeChoiceDirect.com** to learn more.

Learn more tips about saving and paying for college at **LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost**.



CASH FOR COLLEGE

- Kicks off every December to help you save money and pay for your education.
- Learn more at **LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost**.
- **Get the App!** Compare college costs in the palm of your hand. Download the Indiana College Costs Estimator App. Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost** to find out how.

BECOME A 21st CENTURY SCHOLAR

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program helps income-eligible students earn up to four years of tuition at an eligible Indiana college. To qualify, students must enroll in 7th or 8th grade. Scholars fulfill a pledge of good citizenship and participate in the **Scholar Success Program** that helps them plan, prepare and pay for college completion and career success. Scholars must also earn at least a Core 40 diploma and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

But first you have to apply! Complete the online application by **June 30th** of your eighth-grade year. For income guidelines and to apply online, visit **Scholars.IN.gov**. You can also ask your school counselor for more information.

With the 21st Century Scholars Program you CAN make your college dreams and career goals a reality. 21st Century Scholars helps students with college planning and career success. Learn more at **Scholars.IN.gov**



Anna is a senior at South Side High School. She enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program in middle school. Anna plans to use her scholarship to earn a degree in international relations. She feels privileged and honored to be a part of the 21st Century Scholars program.

YOUR ROAD TO COLLEGE STARTS HERE

Enroll online before
June 30th of 8th grade at —

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Scholars.IN.gov

